QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Remission of Land Revenue

559. Sri G. MADE GOWDA (Malavalli).—

Will the Minister for Revenue and Forests be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Revenue Minister has toured in some parts of the famine stricken area Maddur Taluk in the month of November 1967;

(*b*) whether the Hon'ble Minister for Revenue has seen with his own eyes the failure of crops in Maddur Taluk;

(*c*) whether the Revenue Minister announced in a public meeting that the land Revenue would be remissioned for 1967 68 and some relief works would be taken up in the affected areas *viz.*, Malavalli and Maddur Taluks;

(*d*) if so, the action taken so far by the Government in this behalf?

A.—Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Revenue and Forests).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) (i) Yes; Land Revenue will be remitted as per rules with retrospective effect from 65-66, 66-67 and 67-68.

(ii) In the affected areas of Malavalli and Maddur Taluk relief measures would be taken.

(*d*) Relief works have been started in all the drought stricken parts of the District. Land Improvement and Takavi loans have also been provided. Foodgrains are being distributed to labourers through Co-operatives.

Education and Hostel Facilities for Children

561. Sri P. B. NANDIHALI (Uchagaon).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Education be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the children of landless labourers in the rual area cannot afford to take education due to their poverty;

(*b*) whether they are aware that hostel fecilities are necessary such children whose parents annual income is less than Rs. 1,200;